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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Matthew J. Ludwig

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 November 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13 and 14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13, and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: RCE filed 11/19/04.
2. Claims 1-14 are pending in the case. Claims 1, 5, 9, 13, and 14 are independent claims.
3. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, and 14 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moseley in view of Young. Claim 14 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Independent claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph:

The claim is narrative in form and replete with indefinite and functional or operational language. The structure, which makes up the device, must be clearly and positively specified. The structure must be organized and correlated in such a manner as to present a complete operative device. *The claim(s) must be in one sentence form only.* See 7.34.15 Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 of the MPEP. Note the format of the claims in the patent(s) cited. The limitation contains more than one sentence within the claim. Appropriate correction is required. For examination purposes the Examiner based the rejection on the first sentence of the claim. The last limitation of the claim fails to provide the Examiner with a proficient description of how the sections are being utilized in viewing the webpage.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moseley, Microsoft Office 97, Copyright 1997 in view of Young, Cascading Style Sheets in IE4, 10/15/97.

In reference to independent claim 1, Moseley teaches:

A web page having a heading selected in accordance with a predefined naming convention. The reference illustrates in Figure 7.1 a means of selecting page headings and automatically identifying section headings based on the section title. The reference further provides a computer program that, in response to a selection, automatically performs the reading of the title and the identifying of section names within a document. See Moseley, pages 135-136. The reference illustrates bold text and a highlighted text, which suggest the utilization of a style sheet that can be applied to any formatted document; however, the reference does not provide a method for providing a style sheet having pre-defined style attributes and altering those same predefined attributes. Young provides cascading style sheets for the addition and modification of style attributes to specific instances of HTML elements. The Examiner notes that (as presently claimed), Young teaches several examples of predefined style attributes and the modification of those style attributes based on rules, which allow for greater precision within a formatted document without the utilization of hard coded variables. Because the claim limitations are to be given their broadest reasonable interpretation within the scope of the art, the **altering steps** fail to provide the Examiner with an explicit description within the limitations of the claim of the altering process. The Young reference describes the action of the changing the background color

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of all paragraphs within the document. See Young, pages 2-6. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Moseley and Young before him at the time the invention was made, to modify the document mapping methods taught by Moseley to include the cascading style sheet methods of Young, because it would have given the author the benefit of style sheets modifications, which offer greater flexibility and allows for greater precision within a formatted document. Merely calling the style sheet and applying a file of the style sheet to the web page is taught by the Young based on Cascading Style Sheet principles, which allow for the changes of web page text and specific sections.

In reference to dependent claim 2, Moseley teaches:

The reference states the clicking on any heading on the left and you will be moved to corresponding section in the text. See Moseley, page 137.

In reference to dependent claim 3, Moseley teaches:

A web page having a heading selected in accordance with a predefined naming convention. The reference illustrates in Figure 7.1 a means of selecting page headings and automatically identifying section headings based on the section title. The reference further provides a computer program that, in response to a selection, automatically performs the reading of the title and the identifying of section names within a document. See Moseley, pages 135-136. The reference illustrates bold text and a highlighted text, which suggest the utilization of a style sheet that can be applied to any formatted document.

In reference to claims 5-7, the limitations reflect the system used for performing the methods as claimed in claims 1-3, respectively, and in further view of the following, is rejected along the same rationale.

In reference to claims 9-11, the limitations reflect the computer program product comprising computer readable instructions used for performing the methods as claimed in claims 1-3, respectively, and in further view of the following, is rejected along the same rationale.

In reference to dependent claim 13 and 14, Moseley teaches:

A web page having a heading selected in accordance with a predefined naming convention. The reference illustrates in Figure 7.1 a means of selecting page headings and automatically identifying section headings based on the section title.

A web page having a heading selected in accordance with a predefined naming convention. The reference illustrates in Figure 7.1 a means of selecting page headings and automatically identifying section headings based on the section title. The reference further provides a computer program that, in response to a selection, automatically performs the reading of the title and the identifying of section names within a document. See Moseley, pages 135-136. The reference illustrates bold text and a highlighted text, which suggest the utilization of a style sheet that can be applied to any formatted document; however, the reference does not provide a method for providing a style sheet having pre-defined style attributes and altering those same predefined attributes. Young provides cascading style sheets for the addition and modification of style attributes to specific instances of HTML elements. The Examiner notes that (as presently claimed), Young teaches several examples of predefined style attributes and the modification of those style attributes based on rules, which allow for greater precision within a formatted document without the utilization of hard coded variables. Because the claim limitations are to be given their broadest reasonable interpretation within the scope of the art, the *altering steps* fail to provide the Examiner with an explicit description within the limitations of the claim of the

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Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments filed 7/20/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues on page 12 of the amendment that claim 14 describes the feature that the web page is part of one of said sections, and the altering step includes the step of using the identified section name to indicate automatically on the web page the name of the section of which the web page is part. The Examiner notes that (as presently claimed), Young teaches several examples of predefined style attributes and the modification of those style attributes based on rules, which allow for greater precision within a formatted document without the utilization of hard coded variables. Because the claim limitations are to be given their broadest reasonable interpretation within the scope of the art, the ***altering steps*** fail to provide the Examiner with an explicit description within the limitations of the claim of the altering process.

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Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew J. Ludwig whose telephone number is 571-272-4127.

The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:00pm.

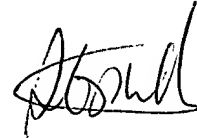
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on 571-272-4124.

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